

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 7-22 are currently pending in this application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 which the Examiner has indicated contains allowable subject matter. No new matter has been added to the application.

35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) Rejection of Claims 1 and 7-10

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,175,619 (DeSimone) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,452,922 (Ho). The Examiner has also rejected claims 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) as being unpatentable over DeSimone. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's objection to claims 2-5 and 11-22 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the objected to limitations of claim 5, thereby placing claim 1 in condition for allowance. Claims 2-4 and 7-22 being dependent upon independent claim 1 are also not taught or disclosed by the combination of references. Applicant requests that the rejections of claims 1 and 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and reconsideration is requested. If the Examiner believes that

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any issues remain unresolved, a telephone call to the undersigned would be welcome.

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